

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 12, 2008. Claims 12 to 15, 17 to 21 and 27 are pending in the application, of which Claims 12, 17 and 18 are independent. Claims 16 and 22 to 26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 12 to 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over JP 08-030408 (Okazawa; also U.S. Patent No. 6,493,101) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,865,354 (Jackelen). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 12 is directed to an image forming apparatus for forming an image based on a downloaded profile downloaded via a network. The apparatus includes holding means for holding the downloaded profile and attribute information of the downloaded profile. It also includes storage means for storing attribute information of profile, which includes at least information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright. In addition, the apparatus includes determination means for determining whether or not the downloaded profile held in the holding means is an incorrect profile by comparing attribute information of the downloaded profile stored in the holding means with the attribute information stored in the storage means and determining whether or not there is information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright included in the attribute information of the downloaded profile among the attribute information stored in the storage means. Furthermore, it includes deletion means for deleting the downloaded profile held in the holding means, if it is determined that the downloaded profile held in the holding means is incorrect by the determination means.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, namely Okazawa and Jackelen, considered either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of the image forming apparatus of Claim 12. In particular, the cited references, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest at least the features of a determination means for determining whether or not the downloaded profile held in the holding means is an incorrect profile by comparing attribute information of the downloaded profile stored in the holding means with the attribute information stored in the storage means and determining whether or not there is information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright included in the attribute information of the downloaded profile among the attribute information stored in the storage means.

In contrast to the present invention, Okazawa discloses a printing apparatus having a function for downloading an object for an external device and utilizing the downloaded object for the apparatus. In Okazawa, the printing apparatus determines if it has the necessary functions for the printing job. In the event that it does not have the necessary functions to process the printing job, it downloads an object for executing the function from an external device. After the printing job is completed, the downloaded object might be deleted from the printing apparatus. As conceded in the Office Action, the apparatus in Okazawa does not teach determination means for determining whether or not the downloaded profile is an incorrect profile by comparing attribute information of the downloaded profile with the attribute information stored in the storage means. Furthermore, it does not teach determination means for determining whether or not there is information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright included in the attribute information of the downloaded profile among the attribute information stored in the storage means.

Applicant respectfully submits that Jackelen is not seen to cure the deficiencies in Okazawa. The invention in Jackelen concerns a printer apparatus having the function of detecting, notifying and resolving printer mismatches. More specifically, Jackelen teaches a system to detect a mismatch between a print job and a printer capabilities by comparing the print job attributes specified in the job header and the available printer resources and capabilities. Unlike the present invention, the printer apparatus in Jackelen does not include determination means for determining whether or not the downloaded profile is an incorrect profile based on information of profile manufacturer or profile copyright included in the attribute information of the downloaded profile as featured in Claim 12.

In light of the deficiencies of Okazawa and Jackelen as discussed above, Applicant submits that independent Claim 12 is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 17 and 18 are directed to a method and a computer readable storage medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 12. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 17 and 18 are also in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

No claim fees are believed due, however, should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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